

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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PERFORMANCE OF AIR INDIA .
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Air India could not adhere to its flying schedules in 3.05 to 12.40 percent cases during Summer 2002 to Winter 2004;
- (b) If so, whether Air India cancel the flights in 0.029 to 1.95 percent cases, reschedule the flights in 3.02 to 10.19 percent cases and delayed flights by more than 20 minutes in a large number of cases ranging from 17.35 to 21.87 percent to total flights;
- (c) If so, the details and the reasons of poor performance of Air India; and
- (d) The measures taken/proposed to be taken to improve the competence and trustworthiness of Air India?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b) and (c): Air India constantly endeavours to improve its on time performance. The punctuality of Air India flights including rescheduled flights, network-wise, during Summer 2004-Winter 2004 was 69% whereas the total number of cancellations was 0.41% and 1.20% in 2004 and 2005 respectively. The delays are mainly caused due to technical reasons, ageing fleet, airport congestion and ATC constraints.

(d): Air India and its subsidiary Air India Charters Limited have placed orders for purchase of 68 new aircraft which are due to be delivered in a phased manner from November 2006 which will greatly help in improving the ontime performance in Air India. The infrastructural developments envisaged for Mumbai and Delhi airports will also assist in ironing out the constraints at these airports which will pave the way for smoother operations.